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October 17, 2000

Ms. Kelly Schuler  
Associate Administrator for Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Ref: RECALL#00P057 DOCUMENTATION**

Dear Ms. Schuler,

Alcoa Wheel and Forged Products is supplying NHTSA with the two requested documents – Alcoa's Press Release and Initial letter to Distributors who may have sold wheels involved in this recall. These documents have already been reviewed by you earlier this month after we had faxed them. You verbally approved the Distributor letter allowing me to start the process of collecting the names of consumers that would have bought wheels affected by the recall.

I will be sending a letter for your review and approval that would be sent to consumers that may have purchased wheels affected by the recall.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (216) 841-8315.

Sincerely,

*Richard L. Corliss*  
Richard L. Corliss  
Quality Manager  
Alcoa Wheel and Forged Products

**For Immediate Release**

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Alcoa Wheel and Forged Products  
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*Press  
Release*

October 4, 2000

**ALCOA VOLUNTARILY RECALLS AFTERMARKET LIGHT TRUCK WHEEL**

Cleveland, Ohio - Alcoa Wheel Products is voluntarily recalling forged aluminum light truck wheels, size 16x7J, LTS style, 8 on 6.5" bolt pattern (Alcoa part number 167011). These wheels were manufactured for the aftermarket (non-OEM) consumer and are used primarily on ¾- and one-ton pick-ups. A crack can develop from hand hole to hand hole and can result in additional cracks and potential failure over time if the wheel is not removed from service. Failure can include separation of the wheel from the vehicle if the crack is allowed to propagate around the entire circumference of the wheel. Alcoa is not aware of any injuries associated with the use of this wheel.

The recall includes aftermarket wheels, part number 167011 only. Customers and dealers can determine whether a wheel is included in this recall by checking the part number in the wheel roll stamp, positioned on the outside of the rim near the hand hole and in line with the valve location. A consumer can also inspect their wheels and visually confirm the presence of a crack before there is a risk of immediate service failure. Wheels with cracks should immediately be removed from service. All others should be removed from service as soon as practical.

Alcoa will replace the wheels with an alternate style wheel, offering a quick exchange at no cost to consumers. In addition, a modified design of the LTS style wheel will be available for shipment within 180 days.

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For more information on the recall, replacement procedures and replacement wheels, call 888-279-3055 or write the Alcoa Wheel Service Center, 106 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Clarion, Penn., 16214.

Before beginning any work on the wheel or vehicle, a dealer must call the Alcoa Wheel Service Center at 888-279-3055 for instructions and an authorization number. The authorization number is necessary to arrange payment for services as well as replacement and return of wheels. Authorized payment includes reasonable costs of demounting, tire balancing, replacement wheels and remounting of the assembly.

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## Makes and Models

**Forged Aluminum Light Truck Wheel (size 16x7J, LTS style, 8 on 6.5" bolt pattern, Alcoa part number 167011) May Be Used On the Following Vehicles**

<b>Chevrolet/GMC</b>	<b>Year</b>
1/2 T C20 4x2, C2500	71-87
3/4 T V20 4x4 P/U, Blazer, & Suburban	88-91
3/4 T V2500 4x4 Suburban	88-91
3/4 T C20 4x2, C2500 Suburban	71-91
3/4 T C20 4x2, C2500 (HD)	88-2000
3/4 T GE,GS2500 4x2 Van	71-95
3/4 T GE,GS2500 Van	96-2000
3/4 T K20 4x4 K2500 (HD)	88-2000
3/4 T K20 4x4 K2500 Suburban	92-2000
3/4 T K20 4x4 P/U K2500 Suburban	71-87
3/4 T K20 4x4 P/U Suburban	88-91
3/4 T K2500 4x4	71-87
3/4 T K2500 4x4 (HD)	88-2000
3/4 T P2500 4x2 Single, Step Van	71-95
3/4 T P2500 4x2 Single, Step Van	96-2000
3/4 T R20 4x2 P/U Suburban	88-91
3/4 T R2500 4x2 Suburban	88-91
1 T V30 4x4, P/U & Blazer	88-91
1 T R3500 4x2 Single	88-91
1 T R30 4x2 P/U	88-91
1 T P3500	88-2000
1 T P3500	71-87
1 T P30	71-2000
1 T K3500 4x4	71-87
1 T K3500 4x4	88-2000
1 T K30 4x4 K3500	71-87
1 T K30 4x4 K3500	88-2000
1 T G30 Single	76-90
1 T G30 Single	91-2000
1 T C30 4x2, C3500	71-87
1 T C30 4x2, C3500	88-2000
<b>Dodge</b>	<b>Year</b>
Ram 2500 4x2, 4x4, 4x4 (HD)	94-99
3/4 T D200/250	68-93
3/4 T P200 Step Van	71-74
3/4 T W200/250	69-93
1 T B300/350 Ram Van/Wagon	73-2000
1 T D300/350	69-93
1 T P300 Step Van	72-92
1 T W300/350	69-93

<b>Ford</b>	<b>Year</b>
3/4 T Econoline E200/250	75-85
3/4 T Econoline E200/250	86-98
3/4 T F250, 4x2, 4x4	67-98
3/4 T F250, 4x2, 4x4	81-98
1 T Econoline E300/350	68-98
1 T F350 Camper Rear	73-81
1 T F350, 4x2, 4x4	67-98
1 T P350, P400	57-69
1 T P350, P400	70-75
J20 P/U Gladiator	74-88
<b>Plymouth</b>	<b>Year</b>
P/B-300/350 Van	74-83



*Notice to  
Distributors who  
may have sold wheels*

## **Alcoa**

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October 05, 2000

### **ALCOA VOLUNTARILY RECALLS AFTERMARKET LIGHT TRUCK WHEEL**

**Safety Recall: 16 x 7J Aluminum Forged Light Truck Wheel  
Alcoa Part Number 167011, LTS style, 8 on 6.5 inch**

**This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.**

Cleveland, Ohio - Alcoa Wheel Products is voluntarily recalling forged aluminum light truck wheel, size 16x7J, LTS style, 8 on 6.5" bolt pattern (Alcoa part number 167011). These wheels were manufactured from 1993 to September 2000 for the aftermarket (non-OEM) consumer and are used primarily on ¾- and one-ton pick-ups. Depending on the severity of the application, a crack can develop from hand hole to hand hole and can result in additional cracks and potential failure over time if the wheel is not removed from service. Failure can include separation of the wheel from the vehicle if the crack is allowed to propagate around the entire circumference of the wheel.

Our records indicate that you have purchased Alcoa part number 167011. Alcoa is requesting your help, as a distributor of Alcoa wheels, to supply us with any records of customers who have purchased part 167011, LTS style wheel, including their names, addresses and phone numbers. Please contact Diedre Ashmun, Alcoa Wheel Products, at (800) 242-9898 with any information about customer names and addresses.

The recall includes the aftermarket wheel, part number 167011 only. The attached photographs show the 167011 wheel - for quick identification - as well as the general location where a crack can develop and a close-up showing what a consumer may see during a visual inspection. A consumer can inspect their wheels and visually confirm the presence of a crack before there is a risk of immediate service failure. Wheels with cracks should immediately be removed from service. All 167011 wheels should be removed from service as soon as practical. Alcoa will replace the wheels with an alternate style wheel, part # 167001A (a photograph is included), offering a quick exchange at no cost to consumers. In addition, a modified design of the LTS style wheel (new part number 167031) will be available for shipment within 180 days.

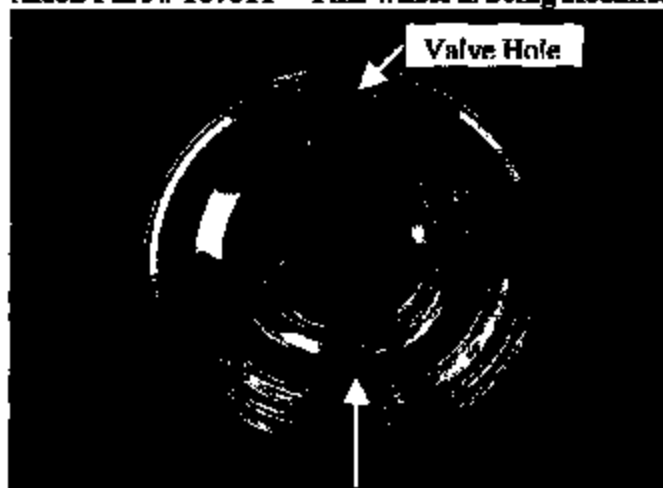
Customers and dealers can determine whether a wheel is included in this recall by checking the part number in the wheel roll stamp, positioned on the inside of the rim near the hand hole and in line with the valve location. For more information on the recall, replacement procedures and replacement wheels, call 888-279-3055 or write the Alcoa Wheel Service Center at 106 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Clarion, Penn., 16214.

We apologize to you, one of our valued distributors, for any inconvenience this recall may cause and hope you will share in our concern for consumer safety by providing the requested information as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Corliss  
Quality Manager  
Alcoa Wheel and Forged Products

**Alcoa Part # 167011 – This wheel is being Recalled for replacement**

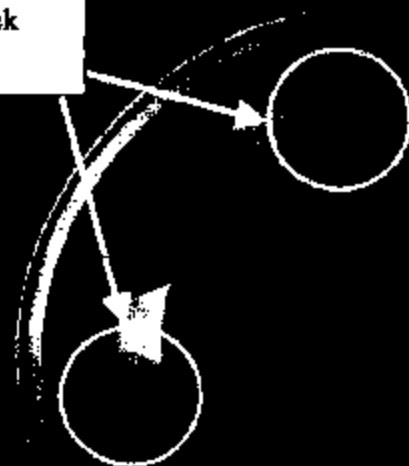


Roll Stamp on the inside of the wheel. The Part Number 167011 follows after the Made in USA and date code.



**Alcoa Part 167001A – Not part of the Recall; will be used as replacement wheel**

Typical location  
where a crack  
could form.



What a crack  
would look like if  
one is present.

